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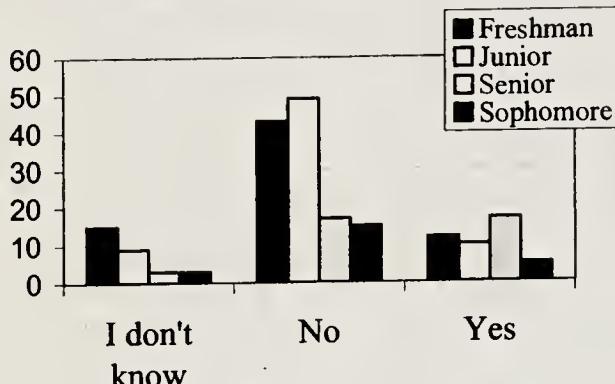
by Bree Ma'Ayeh & Lisa Phillips

During the week of January 17, the editors of *The Observer* asked Saint Joe students, faculty and staff to take part in a survey. The survey pro-

61% said that alcohol is not a problem on campus, with 24% saying it is a problem and 15% claiming uncertainty. A staggering 72% said yes alcohol should be allowed in the new dorm (16% said no). While 70% of the students said they would like to live in the new dorm with 16% saying no and 14% uncertain.

Thirty-eight percent of the people surveyed said that there are an adequate

Is Alcohol a Problem On Campus?



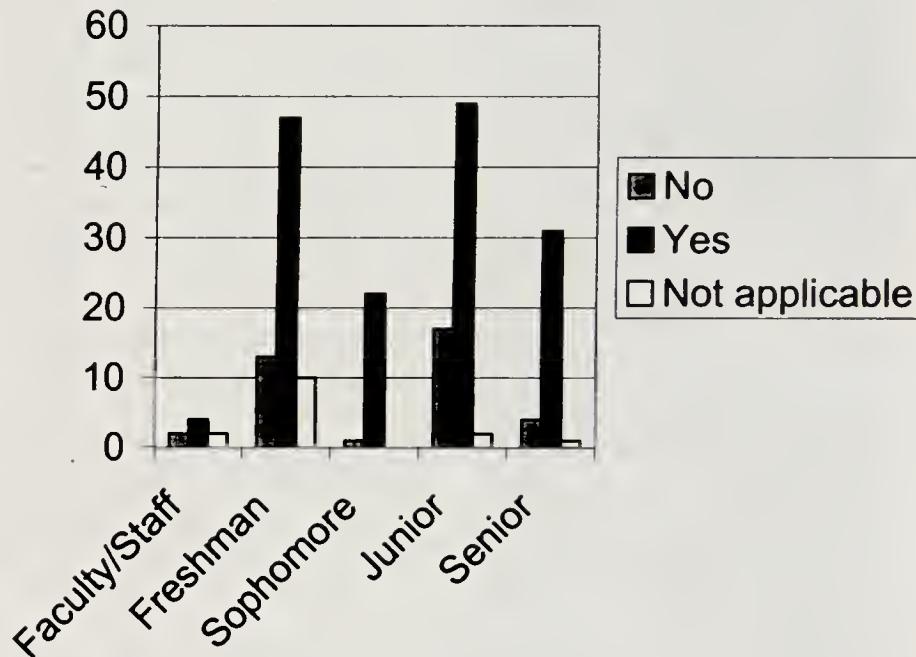
vided some feedback for *The Observer* staff, but more importantly, it addressed various issues on campus that have been hotly debated.

Of the 206 responses received,

amount of activities on campus, with a 53% majority saying no, there isn't enough to do around here.

A big issue lately has been computer access, and the statistics prove it;

Is Parking a Problem?



47% said no, there isn't enough computer access on campus, and 48% said

there is enough access.

Visitation hours caught the lime light with 62% saying they do not agree with the current hours, and 29% agree

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Editor's Notes

Monday, January 31:

Ecumenical Service for the opening of the Church door at 9 PM

Wednesday, February 9:

BET comedian at 8 PM in the Ballroom

Friday, February 11:

College Talent Recruitment Day in Indianapolis, IN

Monday, February 14:

St. Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 17:

Mock Trial leaves for Salt Lake City, UT

MAY THE BEST SENIOR WIN!

by Amanda Grote

It's that time of year again, when one senior is selected to represent St. Joseph's College as the Senior of the Year.

Each year, a list of names is made available to the senior class through the Registrar's office. This list includes all seniors with a 3.25 GPA or higher. (This year, many of the names on the list were actually juniors who had achieved enough credits to attain senior status.) The senior class was then asked to vote for three people whom they felt was the most qualified student for the award.

The coordinator of this year's voting is Jim Wirtes, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and also a 1997 graduate of Saint Joe's. He explained that a quality student should exemplify not only a high GPA, but also show leadership and be involved in campus activities.

When asked about the voting process, Wirtes said, "I was very impressed with this year's senior class. They took more of an interest this year than previous classes had." He also mentioned that this was one of the first years the senior class had actually asked to see a list of names ahead of time, which implied that they were willing to take the voting process seriously.

After the senior class votes have been tallied, a list of the top five finalists will be determined. These top five will then participate in a half-hour interview with the alumni and the alumni board. It will then be up to the board to select the most qualified candidate. The winner will be announced at the Senior Dinner on Friday, April 7th, and he or she will receive a plaque as well as a \$100 cash award.

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Irritated Editor

"Publish the campus' opinions."

"How about an opinion box?"

"There should be more student opinions."

These are just a few of the irritating responses that I have read from the recent *Observer Surveys*. I found these comments especially irritating because (in case you didn't notice) this is an OPINION PAGE! Every two weeks it seems like I am writing an article trying to encourage *Observer* readers to send in their thoughts.

In the six issues that *The Observer* has put out this year (not including this one), there have been three unsolicited opinion letters published. One was from William Manis, Vice President of Student Affairs, one was from Sarah Grubb, Senior Class President, and one was from Don Besse, a North Carolina resident. Come on people! Until this issue, no students (except the Senior Class President) have submitted an opinion to *The Observer*. So, one could see how this can be irritating to an opinion editor. It gets kinds of boring editing your own opinions week after week.

I have to laugh every time I hear a student complain about something on campus. I find it amazing how people here can claim that "parking is horrible, there isn't enough computer access, and there's nothing to do on the weekends," and not do anything about it. I'm not guaranteeing immediate action if you submit your opinion to *The Observer*, but at least you will have a right to complain.

"Publish the campus' opinions." I'm trying.

"How about an opinion box?" How about the third floor of Halleck, the second floor of the Core Building, or a good old-fashioned e-mail!?

"There should be more student opinions." So write some!

*Maura Giles
Opinion Editor*

Survey Results

The *Observer* recently conducted a survey to find out who is reading, what they're reading, and what issues are important to you.

Here are some more of the survey results, including who we surveyed and the input they had concerning *The Observer*. The rest of the result can be seen on page 1.

Who We Surveyed...

	Female	Male
Faculty/Staff	7	1
Freshman	23	47
Sophomore	14	9
Junior	41	27
Senior	21	16
Totals	106	100
Percent	51%	49%

On Campus: 93% Off Campus: 7%

How often do you read *The Observer*?

Status	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
Faculty/Staff	5	1	0	2
Freshman	1	4	29	36
Junior	6	11	43	8
Senior	9	10	15	3
Sophomore	2	4	6	11
Totals	23	30	93	60
Percent	11%	15%	45%	29%

What section do you read the most?

Status	News	Opinion	Feature	Sports	Et Cetera
Faculty/Staff	3	4	1	0	1
Freshman	9	9	2	18	2
Junior	22	11	17	24	8
Senior	11	19	5	10	3
Sophomore	13	4	3	11	9
Totals	58	47	28	63	23
Percents	26%	21%	13%	29%	11%

An "A" Should be an "A"

Here at Saint Joseph's College the grading scale is inconsistent. Although this system of grading at first seems like a great system, giving benefits to students who are able to achieve a little bit more than the usual set standard. The problem with the system is that it fails to recognize the A+. At Saint Joseph's College, if you get an 84 it is a B (3.0), while if you get an 87 it qualifies for a B+ (3.33). When you get a 94, you get an A (4.0), but if you get a 97, it still remains an A, no such GPA of 4.33 exists.

The school sends the message that they applaud those who can achieve a little higher than above average and

not those who achieve above the normal standard for excellence. If the school gives bonuses for minuses in each letter grade, then why should they not do the same for the pluses for each grade? The A is the only one that does not get that extra bonus. If the college does not make the grading scale consistent in this aspect, then they should get rid of the pluses and minuses altogether, and have a B be a B and so on. Saint Joseph's College needs to be consistent throughout the grading scale they us in order to better serve the students attending the college.

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Pseudonyms are accepted but discouraged. Regardless, all submissions should be signed and include a valid telephone number.

The Observer also reserves the right not to print letters found to violate applicable policies.

CAREERFEST 2000 ON ITS WAY!

by Sharra Robertson

With summer just around the corner, many SJC students are thinking about where they are going to work. For the graduating seniors, thoughts are for more permanent jobs. Fortunately for all the students here, the Career Center has planned a CareerFest for those looking for internships or more permanent positions.

Just what is CareerFest? Held on March 17, it is designed to help students from SJC find internships for the summer or jobs after graduation. Students may present their resume to prospective employers and talk one on one with them. This year, over forty regional businesses will be represented, from all different fields. Many alumni will also be present to discuss goals and options that stu-

dents have. CareerFest will be held in the lobby of the Core building from 1:00 to 4:00. Graduates as well as undergraduates are welcome to attend. All students wishing to attend must register with the Career Center by February 18, as well as attend an orientation session, which will be held prior to CareerFest.

"I would stress internships, they are a value to getting a job."

Cheri Irons, Career Center

Students must also have a resume approved by the Career Center before March 18. Employers that are interested in specific students may request a special interview with that student between 4:00 and 5:30. Cheri Irons, a representative from the Career Center, encourages everyone to attend this event. "I would stress internships, they are a value to getting a job. All this is for underclassmen too," Cheri stated.

Another career option that students have is the College Talent Recruitment Day, otherwise known as CTRD. Held

on Friday, February 11, it is similar to the CareerFest held on campus. However, CTRD is held in the Indianapolis RCA Dome and over 250 employers will be present. The CTRD is hosted by the Indiana College Career Center Consortium, which is a group of small liberal arts colleges. All career fields will be represented. Interested students need to register in the Career Center by February 4. Transportation to Indianapolis will be provided by the Career Center.

For those students pursuing a teaching degree, there is a Teacher Candidate Interview Day, or TCID, held on Wednesday, April 26, at the University of Indianapolis. The Indiana College Career Consortium also sponsors this event, and there is opportunity for regional employment. Transportation is provided by the Career Center. Any education majors interested in attending this event should register online at <http://www.walbash.edu/TCID/> between February 1, and March 15.

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ing. Of the 62% who don't agree, 3% want stricter hours, 63% want less strict hours, and 34% want to get rid of visitation hours all together.

Parking is a problem, said 75% of those surveyed, while 18% said it's not.

The faculty got a big boost from the responses, with 87% saying they find SJC faculty supportive and helpful, while 5% said they are not and 8% were undecided. The administration, however, did not fair as well, with 59% saying that administrators are cooperative, 16% saying they are not, and 25% saying "I don't know."

The new meal plan introduced this semester got mixed reviews; 54% respondents said that it was a good idea (with 37% being uncertain), but only 16% actually signed up for it. *Survey Compiled by Maura Giles, Bree Ma'Ayteh and Lisa Phillips with statistics provide by Lisa Phillips.*

STUDENT ASSOCIATION PREPARES FOR ANOTHER SEMESTER

by Nick Schaefer

Like any organization, SJC has a group of people that work both behind the scenes and on center stage, and one of those groups is the Student Association Executive Council.

The SA is an organization that has their hand in many events all over campus. Newly elected SA president, junior Phil Schroeder commented that things wouldn't really start to happen until their first meeting, which took place on Tuesday, January 25.

The council plans to increase the students' power over what happens on campus. "Right now things are looking to run pretty smoothly," Schroeder said. The officers seem enthusiastic about this year and the effects that they will have on SJC.

Right now there are plans on the drawing board for some sort of dance. The SA's usual dance, "Snow-Coming," has been canceled for the last two years due to conflicts and a lack of interest.

This year's Executive Council consists of Schroeder holding the office of the president. Following Schroeder's leadership as vice-president is sophomore Chris Campbell. Junior Kelly Dougherty is the secretary, Derek Dabowia, also a junior, was appointed treasurer, and yet another junior, Lizz Musick, is the SUB director. The officers are all looking forward to this year's challenges and successes. Schroeder opened an invitation to all students to come and sit in on the SA meetings.

MEASURE BRAVES THE WEATHER FOR SHAKESPEARE

by Bree Ma'Ayteh

On Tuesday, January 25, despite the unfavorable weather conditions, the Measure group made it to the Shakespeare Theater at Navy Pier in Chicago to see the production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Originally there were 13 people scheduled to attend the play, but rumors of bad snow fall kept six of them from going. The remaining seven braved I-65 and worked out some alternatives in case the weather would keep them from coming back to the College.

The Shakespeare Theater is the one of the newest additions to Navy Pier. The construction for the theater began in the early summertime, and it was ready

SNIPPETS...

* Measure Submissions are due by February 18.

* There is an MSU meeting February 2 in the Courtney Auditorium.

for business by the end of September.

Maura Giles, a sophomore and member of Measure, thought that the play was worth the hassle over the weather conditions. "I enjoyed the play a lot," she commented.

The theatre's version of "Midsummer" was given a modern twist, different than the usual performance of one of William Shakespeare's most popular plays. In the opening scene, King Theseus presents his soon-to-be-bride Hippolyta, in the fashion that a president might introduce his wife to the public. And in the fairy scenes, the lead fairies would at times sing their lines instead of speaking them. All in all, it made for an enjoyable evening.

* Groundhog's Day is February 2.

* Measure Art Contest Submissions are due February 1.

Dr. White goes to Washington

Professor Bill White travels to D.C. to visit former student at U.S. Supreme Court

by Heather Hagan

It's good to know people in high places, especially if that high place is the United States Supreme Court. Connections within the court recently helped land Professor Bill White the unique opportunity of visiting the highest court in the land over the past winter break.

The opportunity came about when one of White's former students who is now a clerk in the Supreme Court, offered White tickets to watch oral arguments before the court. Mike Scudder, an SJC alum from the class of '93, is currently in the midst of a nine-month clerkship for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. Scudder was a student in White's rigorous Constitutional Law class during his time at SJC and has remained in contact with White throughout law school at Northwestern University and now during his clerkship.

The case which White was able to observe was, according to White, "the hottest ticket in town." The case dealt with the issue of whether or not rape

victims should be allowed to sue their attackers in federal court. In arguing the case before the court, the attorneys on each side were allotted thirty minutes each in which to present their case. It was the interaction between the attorneys and the justices that most surprised White.

"I really thought that it would be mostly the attorney's show," explained White. "I thought they would have the chance to explain their cases, without interruption, and argue the law. But the justices just peppered them with questions. The attorneys had to be very sharp and very quick on their feet."

White indicated that some of the attorneys were not prepared for the types of questions the justices were asking. In fact, just minutes into the argument of one of the lead attorneys, Chief Justice William Rehnquist simply said "thank you," indicating that the attorney should step down and yield the remaining time to co-counsel.

The atmosphere in the court, according to White, was "electric." The members of the audience were on the edge of their seats most of the time. How-

ever, they were quick to laugh when laughter was appropriate. "It was not so reverential that there was no laughter," White said.

From this experience, White also gained insight which he can now apply to his teaching of Constitutional Law.

"The biggest thing I learned in terms of teaching is that every case is not a watertight compartment," he stated. He explained that the justices are always looking toward the future and are keenly aware of the implications their decisions will have.

Another benefit of White's experience has nothing to do with the court itself, but concerns all SJC students. That is the benefit that comes from seeing a Saint Joe graduate achieve so much. In seeking a clerkship with the Supreme Court, Scudder competed with the top law students from across the country. A Supreme Court clerkship is one of the most prestigious positions a law school graduate can obtain and the fact that Scudder was granted this distinguished honor says a great deal about the value of an SJC undergraduate degree. As White stated, Scudder's success proves that "the best from here can compete with the best from anywhere."

"The best from [SJC] can compete with the best from anywhere."

-- Professor Bill White

SJC grad named to Alumni and Parent Relations position

by Melinda Burdan

Recently, Jim Wirtes was hired as the new Alumni and Parent Relations Manager. This position places Wirtes in charge of many activities at Saint Joseph's College such as preparing for Homecoming and parents' weekend, as well as the events that are sponsored by the alumni association, including the senior of the year award and the sports hall of fame.

Most of the projects that Wirtes is working on are long-term projects. For example, Homecoming 2000 is already in the works and the development office is talking about creating a new alumni directory. However, there are also events being planned that will happen within the next few months. For example, Chicago's Saint Patrick's Day Parade will take place on March 11, which has Wirtes "very excited!"

Wirtes is not an entirely new face

to the SJC campus. While he may look unfamiliar to the underclassmen, some of the seniors may recognize him. Jim graduated from Saint Joe in 1997. During his four years here, Jim was an active member of the SJC community. He played football, raced in Little 500 (and was named champion after much controversy), and also was a member of the winning Lip Sync' skit with their very own rendition of the Kiss song "Rock and Roll Night" in 1996.

After graduating, Jim worked as a corporate accounts manager for Enterprise-Rent-a-Car. When he left Enterprise, he went to work for the Indianapolis Indians baseball club because of a strong interest in sports broadcast/information. From the Indians, he went to work briefly with the Fort Wayne Wizards, and then he received the offer from Saint Joe. While he indicates that it is a little "awkward being on the other side [staff]," he is quick to add, "I wouldn't

be here if I wasn't proud of where I went to school."

It is this pride that has begun to surface in the Development office. One of the goals that Wirtes has set for himself includes working with the athletic teams to gain more involvement from the alumni. "Whether people like to admit it or not, athletics is a big fundraiser for the school, and with more alumni involvement, everyone will benefit," Wirtes stated.

The alumni and parent relations' position was left vacant with the recent promotion of former director Maureen Egan. Egan worked very hard to bring the alumni together and now Jim has to fill the shoes she left behind. "Nobody ever has a bad thing to say about her," said Wirtes. "I can't top what she's done." However, Wirtes does have



plans to build on the strong relationships between the development office and the alumni.

Semester full of fun activities

by Amy Buckbee

As we enter into the second semester of school, there are many exciting activities coming to Saint Joe thanks to the Student Union Board.

The week of February 21, SUB is sponsoring the infamous "I Hate Winter Week." To kick the week off, Sally Barris will be singing at Cup O' Joe's. The next night is a game show, Think Fast. Wednesday, the comedian Renee will be performing outside of Core XI. SUB is co-sponsoring Renee with MSU. Renee deals with important social issues like race relations but in a way that is humorous and relates to everyone. Thursday night SUB will be hosting Singled Out, a dating game

show. Then comes Friday, which is the suitcase party with the band re:boot. At the suitcase party, students will be buying raffle tickets in the hopes that they and a lucky friend may be able to take an all-expense-paid trip to a warm and sunny destination.

In the month of April, SUB will be sponsoring the Mr. Puma pageant show, where guys from campus get to see who is the most handsome. Then comes Little 500 weekend. On Saturday, April 15 there will be a 3D simulator during the race. Then for entertainment after the race, there will be a Battle of the Bands contest on the IM field. On April 19, Tonic Sol-Fa, an acapella band, will be returning once again. The senior girls this year,

if asked, may remember Tonic Sol-Fa coming to the dorms and serenading them before the concert their freshman year.

Student Activities Director Stacey Lazenby said of the coming semester, "I think that SUB did a great job picking events that the whole student body will enjoy. With "I Hate Winter Week," four great big screen movies and Little 500 activities, to

name just a few, there are definitely lots of opportunities for students to have fun on campus this semester!"



The acoustic band Zoot performs outside Core XI last week. The band was one of many activities sponsored by SUB this semester.

SJC celebrates Y2K

After all the hype and buildup, it's finally here: Y2K. This past New Year's was, without a doubt, the biggest ever. With celebrations across the globe, it was hard not to get caught up in the excitement. A few lucky SJC students even had the opportunity to be a part of those celebrations.

by David Banks

I spent my winter break in Washington D.C. It wasn't a typical break by any means, though. For starters, the temperature was never under 55 or 60 degrees and even got up to 70 degrees some days. Most of the time, people were driving around with the sunroofs and convertibles open.

The New Years festivities in D.C. were very difficult to get into. Most clubs replaced their usual \$10 cover charge with a \$250 to \$300 charge. They offered cheap champagne though, so I guess that was supposed to make it OK. At the MCI Center, a few groups like the Wallflowers, Third Eye Blind and others were scheduled to perform. The tickets were almost \$500 and over 10,000 people were expected to show up. However, the night before this black tie event was to occur, the owners of the MCI center cancelled due to Y2K concerns. So the only thing left to do that would not cost hundreds of dollars was to go downtown to the Mall (the long strip of land between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial) and hang out with the President. Since it was free, that's what we did (although I guess it really was not free since out tax dollars paid for it).

The event was really nice and it was reported that well over one million people showed up. There were authors and poets such as Dr. Maya Angelou in attendance. Performers such as Aretha Franklin, Will Smith, U2 and a number of other groups were there as well. Everything actually started a couple of days before New Years and there were even speakers there during the day to entertain people who had come from far away to spend their holiday in D.C. It all ended with a prayer and a half-hour fireworks display. Then everyone hung around for a little while listening to some local bands as the evening died down.

by Liza Storey

Over Christmas Break I was hanging out at one of my friend's houses, when my friend's brother came in with an unbelievable offer - a practically all-expense-paid trip to New York City for New Year's Eve. This was one offer that we could not refuse so before I knew it, the four of us were off to the Big Apple.

On New Year's Eve Day, we spent the first half of the day in Central Park. At about five thirty, we realized that we had to get in line to see the ball drop. Being tourists, we did not realize that we should have done this much earlier, so we ended up on the 51st block (the ball drops from the 42nd block).

So there we were, nine blocks away with none of the free stuff that they were handing out to the people who had arrived earlier. It was right about then that I realized that we had to spend six more hours crushed among people we did not know. But after a few hours and more bundling up I started to convince myself that this really was fun. We met the people around us, some from Australia, New Zealand, the Czech Republic, Maryland, and good old New York. There was one guy named Jose that thought that it was funny to randomly pee on people's legs.

Finally, the time came for the countdown. When we were counting down, I realized that this was what you saw on TV, this was real, this was exciting, and then before I knew it, the confetti was thrown and we were in a restaurant ordering drinks with all the excitement over.

We spent one more day in New York and then drove home again at night. The whole trip really was a once in a lifetime kind of thing. It would seem that all those hours waiting in line weren't worth the whole one minute of true excitement, but I wouldn't change it for anything. It gave me new experiences, a fun time, and now every time I say that I have to "Jose" my friends know what I mean.

Men's B-Ball Pulls Upset over Indy

Improve to 5-4 at home

by Jill Masters

Thursday night, in a game against the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds, the Pumas of Saint Joseph's College were engaged in a battle to the finish. Saint Joseph's College men's basketball team came out with a vengeance, determined to beat the Greyhounds and they did just that. The Pumas were victorious 81-74.

The game was a very well-matched competition. With every point that the Pumas put on the board, the Greyhounds answered back with points of their own. This game was won by a group of men who played solid defense with minimal breakdowns.

Rory Johnson, senior center for the Pumas, said the key to the game was defense.

"We finally played the defense that coach has been trying to get us to execute," Johnson said. "We are disrupting the other teams plays, by denying the ball from the oppositions key players, pressuring the person with the ball, and crashing the boards when the shot goes up."

Through this style of defense that the Pumas have put together and are perfecting, they

are forcing turnovers. The Pumas caused the Greyhounds to turn the ball over 20 times, but in return the Greyhounds caused 18 turnovers by the Pumas.

Because this game was so well matched-up, the Pumas and the Greyhounds kept the game interesting for fans to watch.

From the start of the game, the teams kept the score tight. Brent Mason made the first shot of the game for the Pumas. Senior forward Chris Martin answered back for the Greyhounds with a lay-up and tied the game at two. Greg Taylor made the next shot that put the Pumas up by two. Mason then hit two straight three-pointers, only to have the Greyhounds answer back with a 6-0 run to tie the game at ten.

When Mason hit those two three pointers in the beginning of the game, the Pumas knew that he was hot. They tried to get him the ball and it paid off. By the end of the first half, Mason was leading the Pumas with 17 points. At halftime the score was 32-31 in favor of the Pumas.

Taylor had the first two points of the second half, followed by a tip-in by Mason and a lay-up by junior forward Brandon Yates. The

streak was not kept alive for long. The Greyhounds answered in turn and tied the game at 38. After several more runs by both teams, it was clear that the second half was going to be just as exciting as the first.

The Greyhounds began to become frustrated with themselves late in the second half. One of their leading scorers was not getting his shots off, and was kept off the boards. Greg Taylor had the task of keeping Indianapolis junior guard Andy Foster under tight wraps, and he did. Foster finished the game with just ten points, eight below his average. The Pumas used this to their advantage and went on the last run of the game. With 2:14 left to play, the Pumas finished the game aggressively and pulled away to win by seven. Mason finished the game with a career-high tying 23 points and 7 rebounds. Junior forward Romano Dees finished the game with 18 points and 6 rebounds, followed by Taylor's 12 points.

With this win, the Pumas improved to 6-8 overall and 2-6 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Greyhounds fell to 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the GLVC.

Winter Hoops Roundup

by Clark Teuscher

The holiday break was not a time to rest for the Puma Basketball teams, as they were in the full swing of regular season play.

The men's team is 6-9 overall and 2-7 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They are 4-6 since the first semester ended and tied for ninth place in the conference. Their two conference wins came against Wisconsin-Parkside (83-75) and Indianapolis (81-74).

Junior forward Romano Dees is leading the Pumas in several categories, including scoring, (17.7 per game, 4th in GLVC), field goal percentage (59.2%, 7th), and steals (2.13, 5th). Senior guard Matt Metzger is second in the conference in assists (5.60), and third in three-point shooting (48.6%). The team is also second in the GLVC in assists per game (19.33). They are also third in field goal shooting (48.2%) and steals (10.27), and fourth in scoring (84.0) free throws

(71.4%), and rebounds (38.9).

The Lady Pumas are struggling at 4-11 and 2-7 in the GLVC, having lost seven of their last eight games. They are 2-7 since classes ended in December.

Senior forward Angie Hupfer has been a bright spot for St. Joseph's, leading the conference in scoring (23.8.) She is also second in rebounding (9.1), 3rd in steals (2.2) and 7th in field goal shooting (51.4%).

Senior Tamara Bumpers is currently sixth in the GLVC in assists at 3.6 per game, and junior guard Laura Mullikin is ranked eighth in three-point shooting at 39.6%. The team stands fifth in the GLVC in steals, recording 10 swipes a game.



Greg Taylor pulls up for two of his 12 against the Greyhounds. Photo by Charles Martin

Both teams will be on the road this weekend, traveling to the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Thursday, January 27th, and Quincy University on Saturday, January 29th. The next home games are Thursday, February 10th against Bellarmine and February 12th against Kentucky Wesleyan.

SPORTS

Upcoming SJC Athletic Events

Friday, January 28th
Men's and Women's Indoor Track at Grand Valley State

Saturday, January 29th
Men's and Women's Basketball at Quincy, 1:00 and 3:00pm

Thursday, February 3rd
Men's and Women's Basketball at Southern Indiana, 5:30 and 7:30pm

Friday, February 4th
Men's and Women's Indoor Track at Saginaw Valley State, 4:00pm

Indoor Track Season Begins

Men and Women Impress at Purdue

by Clark Teuscher

Finishing in the top fifteen in their respective events for the women included Lindsay Bridwell, who finished fifth in the high jump (4 feet, 6.25 inches), Dana Collins, 6th in the 60 meter hurdles (9.34 seconds), the 7th-place 4 x 200 relay team of Julia Myers, Juli Duerksen, Dana Collins and Chrissy Scafide (1:55.16), Sarah Flory, 9th in the 5000 meter run (19:32), Maria Toledo, 10th in the 5000 (19:58), Shana Wyatt, 11th in the 5000 (21:16), Melissa Kleinmaus, 11th in the 600 (1:43.75), Duerksen, 13th in the 60 (8.82) and the 200 (28.92), Scafide, 13th in the 400 (1:05.22), Myers, 15th in the 600 (1:46.57), and Kim Noon, 15th in the 20-pound weight throw (38 feet, 9 inches). Collins' mark in the 60-meter hurdles was just .29 of a second away from a national qualifying mark.

On the men's side, Tim Newman, Jeff Barker, and Aaron Thomas recorded the highest individual placings, finishing sixth. Newman competed in the 800 meters (1:58.54) and was 4.5 seconds from a provisional championship qualifier. Barker ran the 5000 (16:22) and Thomas' showing came in the 35-pound weight throw (49'8.5").

Other top fifteen finishers included Rickey

McCray in the 200 (7th, 22.95) and 60 (14th, 7.18). His mark in the 60 was .35 of a second from a possible nationals berth. Also were Derek Serna (7th, 5000, 17:02), Jared Weller (8th, 3000, 8:57.21), Varon Cantrell (8th, triple jump, 41'25"), 9th, long jump, 21'75"), Greg Myers (9th, high jump, 6'3.25", 9th, triple jump, 40'5.5"), Joe Koczan (9th, weight throw, 45'10.5"), James Perkins (11th, 400, 51.50, 1.8 seconds from national qualifier), Jason Johnson (11th, long jump, 20'5"), 13th, 60 hurdles, 8.93, 14th, 600, 1:34.71), Matt Stout (14th, 3000, 9:18.06), and Justin Evans (14th, 60 hurdles, 8.95).

The 2000 Indoor Track and Field Season began January 14th and 15th for the Saint Joseph's College men's and women's track and field teams.

Purdue University was the site of competition, and the Pumas tested themselves against a number of Division I teams, including Ball State, Butler, and host Purdue.

The meet was not scored as a team event, but several outstanding performances were turned in.

The Pumas are back on the track when they travel to Grand Valley State University January 28th. The indoor GLVC Championships are March 4th at Lewis.

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athletic trainers."

Compton added to Athletic Training Staff

SJC Sports information Press Release

Saint Joseph's College Head Certified Athletic Trainer Trischelle Morgan has announced the hiring of David Compton as the new Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer for the Saint Joseph's College Athletic Training Staff.

Compton replaces Liz Gillem, who was accepted into physical therapy school at Western Health Services College in Pomona, California.

"I am excited to return to work in an inter-collegiate athletic department," said Compton. "I hope to bring my clinical and past collegiate experience to the Saint Joseph's College Athletic Training Department to help keep the Pumas on the field and on the court."

Compton comes to Saint Joseph's College from the Rebound Oklahoma Clinic in Grove, Oklahoma, where he was a Certified Athletic

Trainer from 1997 until 1999.

Before Rebound Oklahoma, the Lamar, Missouri, native was a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.

The newest member to the SJC Athletic Training Staff received his Bachelor's of Science in Sports Management in 1994 from Southwest Baptist University and then in 1997 received his Masters of Science Degree in Education from Southwest Baptist University. He graduated high school from Lamar High School in Lamar, Missouri, in 1989.

As a member of the Athletic Training Staff, Compton will be responsible for men's basketball, women's basketball, men's soccer, women's soccer and softball as well as assisting Head Certified Athletic Trainer Trischelle Morgan with the other 11 sports at Saint Joseph's College.

"We are excited to have David a part of our staff here at Saint Joseph's College," said Morgan. "We are looking forward to his positive contributions on our student-athletes and our student-

Canal Walk

We float innocently along,
fueled by the spark
of each others' thoughts.
Arm in arm, we stroll
through the peaceful downtown
streets.

As we approach the canal, we
swiftly descend down the
cement stairs and willingly,
I take your hand
to follow your lead
to the waters' edge.

The whisper of an unusually
calm November wind gently
meets the sparkling surface
to wake it from its serene still-
ness.

At dusk, we pause
and together gaze
with bleary eyes into
the azure autumn sky,
as we wait
for drifting clouds to unmask
the radiant moon.

In the powerful glow,
we silently imagine
our own version
of the American Dream,
and with arms light
as spring air,
next to the sparkling city canal,
we pull each other close.

•Chrissy Scafide

Adorer

Silver moon soothe my tears
My lover comes again.
Silently creeping
through the trees
He climbs the trellis
to my window.
Joyously we embrace
Sadness gone, only for the
night
Gently we love each other
Praying to hold back dawn.
As morning breaks,
we kiss goodbye,

Unshed tears in my lashes. <
Horrid day, you break my
heart
As you tear my lover
from my arms.
All that is left, a single rose
To remind me night comes
soon.
Oh blessed night,
steal softly upon day
Lengthen the shadows
Blur the edges of the world
So Heaven may enter again.

~Sharra Roberston

**At the Movies with Don: A Puma's List
of 1999's Best Movies**

by Don Shanahan

1999 was surprisingly an upside-down year for movies as the summer of *Star Wars* turned into the summer of *The Sixth Sense*. Entertainment Weekly has called 1999 a prophetic year going into the new millennium of misunderstood critical favorites (*American Beauty*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, *Being John Malkovich*, *Magnolia*, *The Insider*) that the public will see as obscure now, but as classics in time. It is now awards time and the bigwig critics are making their year-end lists and I cannot resist making one of my own for The Observer. Here are my top dozen (ten can't cover it) movies of the past year in ascending order. Many of these are available to rent on video or are still playing in most theaters.

12. Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me- I can't leave the hilarious Dr.. Evil and Mini-Me off my list.
11. Deep Blue Sea- Menacing, quick, and unpredictable, this shark thriller was the biggest surprise to me, and the best straight-up action movie of last summer.
10. Three Kings- An incredibly

fresh and original way to do a war movie starring George Clooney where issues take the place of heroics.

9. American Pie- "Hey guys, what does third base feel like?"
8. Arlington Road- Following a professor's suspicions that his neighbor may be a terrorist was the best pressure-cooker of the year with a great twist of an ending.
7. Any Given Sunday- Being a football guy, I might be biased to put this movie on the list, but this stylish offering from Oliver Stone perfectly combined *He Got Game* expose into sports with madness and speed *The Program* and *Varsity Blues* can't come close too.

6. The Matrix- A landmark for new sci-fi and action moving into computer age. Special effects, smoking guns, kung fu, suspense, style...this movie had it all.

5. The Thomas Crown Affair- This heist remake starring OO7's own Pierce Brosnan and Rene Russo was the steamiest, sexiest, and slickest caper of the year. It was smarter than Bond and twice the chemistry of the very similar *Entrapment*.

4. The Talented Mr. Ripley- Matt

Damon of *Good Will Hunting* fame acts his ass off in this creepy, yet gorgeous-to-look-at mystery. His character's inner obsession rivals that of *Psycho*'s killer Norman Bates.

3. For Love of the Game/Message in a Bottle- Call me a softy, but these two Kevin Costner romantic dramas (which I bookend together) were beautiful, heart-tugging stories of love lost and found and are both two of the best date movies. Get your tissues out, ladies.

2. The Hurricane- The always excellent Denzel Washington is as powerful and moving as he's ever been in this inspirational true story of the wrongful imprisonment of boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter.

1. The Green Mile- For the second year in a row, Tom Hanks headlines the best movie of the year. The director who brought us *The Shawshank Redemption* and Hanks tell an extremely powerful and heartfelt story of two men, one a white prison guard and the other a black gentle-giant prisoner, joined by respect and the unexplained in a 1930's Mississippi death row prison. Deep and touching, it was the only movie I actually cried at.

...?DID YOU KNOW?...

Did you know that about 13% of all people are left-handed?

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In medieval times, left-handed people could not become knights because it was thought that they were descendants of the devil.

Spiral staircases in castles ran clockwise to allow knights - all right-handed - to battle intruders effectively.

The word for left in French means gauche.

and in Latin it means sinister. The Latin word for right is dexter, from which came "dexterous" (skilful). Ambidextrous means literally "both right."

Animals also are either right-handed or left-handed. Polar bears are left-handed - and so is Kermit the Frog.

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.

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